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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In recruiting to the various classes of service it is being observed.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know whether the reservation is applicable in the case of promotions to certain posts also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think it applies to promotions.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know whether any particular post or posts are reserved as such for Backward Classes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. No posts are reserved as such for Backward Classes. It is only in respect of recruitment to these posts that certain reservations are made.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I will try to explain the subtle difference between the words like appointment and the post. 'Appointment' is the reservation made for the people in proportion to the population. Post is a definite post like that of Deputy Collector's post in the Revenue Department or District Superintendent of Police's post in the Police Department. The Article in the Constitution definitely lays down that certain categories of posts should be definitely demarcated for Backward Classes. If the Government have not taken steps to demarcate or reserve certain number of posts for Backward Classes alone and for them only, is it not going against the spirit of the Constitution?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have also had a part in the framing of the Constitution. I am really glad to be enlightened by Mr. K. Vinayakam with regard to the implications of the Constitution. But this is a new light which he is throwing on the implications of the Constitution which has to be put to the Jurists.

Demonstration before the Legislative Assembly

* 2740 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many times the Commissioner of Police promulgated orders under Section 41 of the City Police Act banning processions and demonstrations around the Legislative Assembly Buildings from January 1951 to January 1955;

(*b*) how many times the demonstrators tried to break the orders of the Commissioner; and

(*c*) the number of persons arrested and convicted under Section 41 of the City Police Act and Section 153, Indian Penal Code?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Orders under Section 41 of the City Police Act prohibiting assembly or processions in certain roads and other public places around or leading to the New Assembly buildings were promulgated on five different occasions during the period in question.

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(*b*) & (*c*) Demonstrators attempted to disobey the prohibitory order on one occasion only and that was on 14th July 1953. The Police arrested 81 persons under Section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, and remanded them to custody till 26th July 1953 when they were released. Apart from this, there were no arrests or prosecutions under Section 153, Indian Penal Code, or under Section 41 of the City Police Act.

SRI A. RATNAM : சட்டசபை உறுப்பினர்களுடைய அமைச்சர்களுடைய கவனத்தைக் கவருவதற்குத்தான் சத்யாக்ரகிகளும் ஆர்ப்பாட்டக்காரர்களும் வருகிறார்கள். அப்படி இருக்கும்போது சத்யாக்ரகிகளையும் ஆர்ப்பாட்டக்காரர்களையும் போலீஸ் கமிஷனர் எத்தனை தடவை தடை செய்திருக்கிறார். அவர்களுடைய குறைகளை முறையிடுவதற்கு வந்தால் அவர்களைத் தடுப்பதற்கு அவர்களால் சட்டங்கள் தயாரிக்கப்படுகிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கனம் ரெத்னம் அவர்கள் என்ன கேள்வி கேட்கிறார் என்பது எனக்குப் புரிந்துகொள்ள முடியவில்லை. என்ன காரணத்திற்காக அப்படிப்பட்ட உத்தரவு போடுகிறார்கள் என்றால் சட்டசபை நடக்கும்போது சத்யாக்ரகிகளும் மற்றவர்களும் எந்த விதத்திலாவது வந்து குறுக்கிடாமல் இருப்பதற்கும், தொந்தரவுகள் அவர்களால் வராமல் இருப்பதற்காகவும்தான் அப்படிப்பட்ட உத்தரவுகள் போடப்படுகின்றன.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that 81 persons were arrested under Section 151, Criminal Procedure Code. May I know as against how many persons were charge sheets laid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like to have notice.

Collection of cess on timber loads

* 2742 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memoranda from the M.L.As. from Kuthuparamba or public bodies like the District Board of Malabar requesting that a cess may be collected on timber loads transported through Malabar roads ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A memorandum from the Member on the subject was received.

(*b*) A reply has already been given to the Member on 10th August 1955 to the effect that the proposed levy of a cess on timber brought into a place will be in the nature of octroi or terminal tax, the levy of which has been considered to be unpopular ; but that the question will be considered again while examining the recommendations of the Taxation Enquiry Commission. The recommendations of the Commission are under examination.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Are the Government aware that in the neighbouring State of Coorg a large amount of revenue is collected on this basis and that it is very popular there and that it could well be introduced in the neighbouring area of Malabar also?